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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Nat'l Exec. Comm. meetings, plus the round table discussions, that all YD members are invited to attend will be held as follows:—Feb. 18th at Woodstock Hotel, New York City:—Mar. 12, McNulty's Restaurant, Nashua, N. H.;—Apr. 16, VFW Bldg., Bridgeport, Ct.:—May 21st at Pawtucket or Providence R. I. and June 18, YD Club of Worcester.

This Round Table discussion is something that is alright. At Worcester on Jan. 15th, we gathered in a room at the Club before the regular meeting, and down went our hair. No Chairman, just belt out what is in your mind in regards to the YDVA. Everyone was welcome at the meeting. There were no motions, and some real 'touchy' matters were discussed without anyone "Blowing their Top". A few of the "Too Hot to Handle", were 'The Providence Question', The Budget, Ad men for Yankee Doings, Increase in Dues, if and when we have to up the Ante, the recognition of the Ladies Auxiliary, The Boston Convention money due National, New Chapters, Nominating Committee, Convention City for 1951, aid and assistance to State Committees, adding Past State Commanders to N. E. C. Hospitalized YD members should be remembered and considered the year around. All dues paid from Jan. 1st will carry to April 1, 1951. Money spent since I became Nat'l Comm., Two thousand for new equipment. Five hundred for Memorial Plaque. Four hundred thirty three for travel expense of last PNC. Ninety nine dollars for travel for N. C., same for National Secretary. Increase of salary of National Secretary starting January 1st, 1950. National Combat Association dues One hundred fifty. 1951 Membership cards (bill not in as yet) and

after all this, we still have three thousand left in bank and the Budget Comm. and the Nat'l Treasurer feel that the time I, 'Take the Powder' as Nat'l Comm. that there will be plenty of money in the Treasury, and that I will be the only "NATIONAL COMMANDER IN 30 YEARS THAT LEFT OFFICE WITH THE ASSOCIATION IN A SOLVENT STATE". I had nothing to do whatever in bringing this good condition about. The YDVA owes a vote of confidence to the men that gave their time and brains and ability, also their heart and soul, namely, Ed Miller, Pete Bourget, Fred Jones, Lee Redfield, Earl Eaves, Ben Bourn, and Guy Watts. They not alone are the Budget Committee, but have volunteered to act as my "Brain Trust", my Board of Directors, my Advisors, and no words of mine can thank them enough. THEY are the difference between success and failure as National Commander.

A quick run down of some of the other matters that popped up at this "Caucus", "Open Forum" or call it what you may, were:—Springfield has changed their fiscal year to start January 1st, which means that the old Commander is on the N. E. C., until the Convention, then the new Commander takes over. PNC Brunton stated he would try and straighten this out. The same Dennis deserves a vote of thanks and confidence for the way he took us out of the 'Red" as Chairman of the Ways and Means Comm. with the car drawing, and it is up to the members to get behind him again this year and give him support. If there was some other way of getting "Out of the Bucket", we would do so, but what can we do. It takes Fourteen thousand dollars to run the YDVA every year, we are always about Four thousand short. Think this over. The day will come, and it is not too far away when we will have to do something, and when that Day comes, all YD men should have Courage and face the facts, and vote the way that is best for the keeping of the YDVA alive.

Other matters discussed;—All YD men encouraged to buy and wear YD uniforms. You must register early for the Worcester Convention, if you expect to get rooms in the Sheraton Hotel. First come, first served, so do not start beefing if you find yourself out of a good spot during the Convention. The prices are the same as last year. Car Drawing books will be out shortly. Plug them. National Secretary doing a good Job. New equipment at National Headquarters was "Just what the Doctors ordered".

Ralph Turgeon, Gardiner Hall, Howard Hunt, Jack Farquhar, Pat Healey, Mike Dell Isola, Marty Chambers, John Copley, Jim Sullivan, Pat Hawthorne, Homer Poirier, Earl Holbrook, John Mitchell, Al McPhee, Marty Sullivan, Bill Connors and so many other good fellows have given me a great break all year long and have done a great job for me.

It is requested that you get the names in at once for the Nominating Committee;—Mass. Conn. Rhode Island and New Hampshire are all set. Al Herman and Dr. Surls are Co-Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, so if you have anything in mind, contact the Doctor or Al. Al has done a great job all the year, and one of my best rooters is Doctor Surls of New York.

Our National set up is like a jig-saw puzzle—I go in on June 25th, all dues taken in to Dec. 31st, I get credit for—after Jan. 1st all dues go to the next National Commander. My year is up April 1st., but I am still National Commander until June 24th. All bills that I pile up between April 1st and June 24th—the poor sucker that follows me gets hooked with. I know because they gave me $2933. at a meeting in Worcester on July 10th at Worcester. Five minutes later they belted me right between the eyes with a bill for two thousand for Office equipment. Five hundred for the plaque and four hundred thirty three for expenses incurred by the Past National Commander. That was Chinese money they gave me, and I was left naked before I could get a start. A change in the By-laws to have the year start on July 1st or some appropriate date may be the only solution. The argument is that you give fifteen months or nine months to adjust the year, if changed—But no matter how you do it, it should be done. As for me personally, it does not matter, as my Administration is laid out in such a manner that I do not have to go into next years money to conduct the business of the Association for the last three months. Membership should be plugged. The Printer of Yankee Doings is doing a good job. Also the Ad men and the Editor. Some of the Chapters are advocating a Senior and Junior National Vice Commander. With 65 Chapters it is an utter impossibility for the National Commander to make any kind of a showing—An illustration of this happened on Jan. 14th—Fitchburg and Springfield had their INSTALLATIONS on the same night. Andy Bernard was my Pal and I had to stay in Boston. If we had a couple of V. Commanders, we would be covered. One could have gone to Fitch-

burg and the other to Springfield. Instead I am marked "Lowzey" by both Chapters.

As to the above. I do hope that you will take it the way that I mean to give it. I recommend nothing at all. I suggest nothing at all. The remarks are what I heard at the various Executive Committee meetings, and at Chapters and places where YD men gather. I am just passing them along to you for your consideration, and you and you alone are the judge and jury as to what you want to do about it. The Budget, Ways and Means, National Executive and all other Committees can meet and suggest, but it is you who has the last say.

EDWARD J. MCCORMACK,
National Commander

The "Grape vine tells Us"—That there is going to be quite a "KLONAKILTY BRAWL" for National Commander, and no matter who the Nominating Committee names there will be a fight on the floor of the Convention at Worcester on June 24th. This is the best thing that ever happened for YDVA. It creates interest in the Body and also in the Convention. We do hope that after the election is over that they will all remember that "THEY ARE YD MEN" and not carry the battle on after the election. *Note*:—(*I Know*).

—KNOCKO.

On Thursday January 19th Freddie Jones, Earl Holbrook, and Ed Bird of Worcester went before the Committee of Ways and Means at the State House in Boston, and upon their arrival at the State House, Knocko had already been to the Governer's Office. Knocko and Fred spoke before the Committee and they requested $5000.00 for the Worcester Convention. The Committee treated them very nicely and from here, everything looks O'K and Rosy. On January 20th Fred and a Committee went before the Manager at Worcester for an appropriation for the Convention. Fred was only in the office of Mr. Merrill a very short time, but came out smiling. So, figure it out for yourself, are we going to have a good convention—You bet we are—so register now and get the choice rooms at the Hotel Sheridan. Also get them dues in, as we have a new set up this year. Pay now and the dues go until April first 1951.

—Knocko.

RECOGNITION OF LADIES AUXILIARY BY YDVA

On January 15th at Worcester, a delegation from the Ladies Auxiliary met with the Executive committee and a very good case was presented by the various ladies that were present. A sub Committee was formed of the Executive Committee with Ed Miller as Chairman. The Ladies of the YDVA will get a square break from Ed and his Committee, but if you will take my advice, go out and work, hold meetings, get some plan to present to the Executive Committee. It is the duty of you ladies to present your own case, I am not familiar with what happened in the Past, but all I can say for the present National Commander is that when I was looking for votes and friends in my contest for National Commander, I called on the Boston Chapter Auxiliary, and needless to say, they went the distance for me. I am indebted to them. It is your duty to get together. My Beef with you ladies is that you stay too D-m far in the background.

This is the first time that any of you took the "Bull by the Horn" and went right in to the Executive Committee and told them that you wanted national recognition—I feel that they will give it to you, but you girls will have to come in before that body with a good argument. I am with you, but remember, I have only one vote, we meet in New York, February 18th; March 12th at Nashua, N. H.; April 16th at Bridgeport,; May 21st in Rhode Island and back to Worcester June 18th. Convention will be June 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th. Election of National Commander will be Saturday June 24th at the Sheridan Hotel.

Where are you girls going to hold your National Election—It is all in Your Hands to draw up a program. Make it a good program—make it so good that the Executive Committee can not throw you down. Show them that you will not be any expense to the National Body, because you know that if it is going to cost the National any money, I would have to be against you. I am pledged to Balance the YDVA Budget—So get out and work, and work fast and hard, and the very best of good luck.

—KNOCKO, N. C.

National Service Office

This office is interested in getting a more comprehensive picture of service office problems all over the Association than it has to date. On this account we should like to hear from the chapter service officers or from the chapter commanders about this feature of Association activities.

We shall consolidate this information and publish it in "Doings". If it leaves your desk by the 15th of the month it will be in time for publishing in the next issue.

Joseph K. Surls, M.D.,
National Service Officer
130 East End Avenue,
New York, 28, N.Y.

New Chapter In Allentown, Penn.

From an Allentown paper.

A Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association will be formed in Allentown, it was announced last night by Sabine Sousa, a former member of the Division, who is an active worker in Greater Allentown Post VFW.

A planning session was held Sunday, at which time it was decided that organization shall be effected Sunday, January 29th in the VFW home.

Appointed as a committee to help form a Chapter were: Leonard Tedesco, Frank R. Licini, Carl Walton, Frank Paano, Robert Slough, William Seidl and Peter Harris of Allentown. Clarence Whitehead, Mooretown. Jack Briscoe, Lehightown. Correl C. Hausman, Slatington and Paul Crosson, Bethlehem.

The Yankee Division Veterans Association has National Headquarters in Boston. There are Chapters in every state of the Union. The Allentown chapter is expected to enroll veterans who served with the 26th from all sections of eastern Penn., outside of Philadelphia where a Chapter has been for many years.

Installation is expected to be held on Sunday, February 19th and National Officers are expected to go from New York where they will be on the 18th.

NATIONAL HOSPITALIZATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman wants to report that the Lynn Chapter did a wonderful job at the Chelsea Hospital through their Annual Christmas Party for all Lynn Members and other members of the YD.

Would like to have all Chapters go on record as being against the Hoover Report.

—Frank White, *Chairman*

THIS MONTH'S COVER

The drawing on the front cover was made b Eugene K. (GENE) Parker who served with Company 'H', 104th Infantry in WW II. Gene lives in Fitchburg and belongs to the Fitchburg Chapter. He has promised to do more Sketches for Doings. We hope he will be a worthy successor to POP PALMSTROM, who did many covers for Doings after World War I.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Edward J. McCormack, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Albert C. Maxwell, 15 Gardner Road, Reading, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton, 27 Kingsbury Avenue, Bradford, Mass.

STATE MEETING

Meeting opened in the YD Club of Worcester by Commander Maxwell at 2:45 P.M.

Roll call of officers; Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Service officer and Sergeant-at-Arms (7) present.

Roll call of Chapters; Athol-Orange, Boston, Fitchburg, Haverhill, Lynn, Reading, Springfield and Worcester (8), some members came in late so impossible to know exact number from each Chapter. All reported progress.

Commander appointed the following nominating

committee to report at the February meeting: Streeter, Lynn; Nute, Worcester; Meffen, Springfield; Meteyer, Haverhill; Wilson, Reading.

March meeting in Haverhill—Election of officers.

April meeting in Springfield—Installation of officers.

Clyde H. Norton, *Dept. Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Carrie E. Rowell
11 Henry Street, Haverhill, Mass.

Secretary: Bertha Martin
58 Church Street, North Andover, Mass.

The first meeting of 1950 of the Department of Massachusetts Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary was held Sunday January 8, at the Y. D. V. A. Club, 839 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

In spite of the terrific cold weather we had, 24 ladies were in attendance. I really think it was the coldest day of the season so far.

On January 7—The installation of officers of the Haverhill Auxiliary was held. Mrs. Alice DeLoria was installed as President.

January 11—The installation of officers of the Boston Auxiliary was held. Mrs. Irene Melville was installed as President. Our Department President Carrie Rowell had the honor of being the installing officer. We wish both Auxiliaries the very best of luck for the coming year.

We were very happy to see Commander Edwin Streeter of Lynn Chapter is again able to be with us all.

Senior Vice President Helen Rea announced that any girls that have not attended the Department meetings can obtain tickets on the drawing of the Silk Puff by contacting her.

Junior Vice President Ruth Meteyer wishes to thank the Worcester Auxiliary for their donation to the television fund, especially where the Worcester Auxiliary is a comparative new Auxiliary.

We hope to have a better attendance in the Salem meeting on February 5.

We wish a very speedy recovery too for Fred Jones who we understand is on the sick list.

Carrie E. Rowell, *Dept. Pres.*
—Bertha F. Martin, *Dept. Sec.*

BOSTON

Commander: Ralph A. Palladino
333 Rutherford Ave., Charlestown, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The January Smoker was very well attended and for entertainment Artie Johnson with his recorded impersonations made the hit of the year with the membership.

At the Annual Preparatory meeting the Club held the same night of the Smoker the following were elected to the Nominating Committee: Edward A. Connor, Charles J. McLeod, Walter E. Burke, Raymond F. McKenna, John F. Regan. Alternated Thomas F. Mackey, Walter L. Sullivan, Dominic L. Panico, Arthur E. Mitz, Daniel DeYesso.

The Club had a successful Tag Day on December 18th and the proceeds were donated to the New Hospital at the Soldiers Home for a YD bed.

Several members are planning on attending the Hartford Chapter party on February 4th and also the New York Party on February 18th.

BEVERLY

Commander: Edward W. Prisby
61 Winthrop Avenue, Beverly, Mass.

Secretary-Treasurer: Daniel L. Haskell
3 Goldsmith Avenue, Beverly, Mass.

The first meeting of the new year of Beverly Chapter was held on the evening of January 9th at the Legion Home with Commander Prisby calling the members to order at 8:20 P.M. with the prescribed opening, and the Secretary acting for the Chaplain who was absent.

As no meetings were held during October, November, and December, other than the suppers at "Woodberry Tavern", there were no minutes to read; no bills to pay, and the only communication was a Christmas card from Comrade Donald Lunn, who is stationed in Africa with the Middle East Signal Service Detachment. Under Sick-call, Comrade "Bill" Davis told us of his visit to the home of Edward J. (Slugger) McMahon of F Battery, 101st FA, who is seriously ill at his home, and in a very bad condition. Also it was reported that Comrade Ralph (Putt) Jones who also is an F Battery man, having been transferred from The Togus Soldier's Home to the West Roxbury Veterans' Hospital and is very sick.

It was voted that the February meeting of the Chapter be held at "Woodberry Tavern", with a

supper at 6:30 P.M. Comrade Leslie Morgan will show colored slides which he took while on a recent trip, and titled "Fishing in New Brunswick". Also that evening the door-prize will be a free supper on the Chapter to the winning member. It will be necessary to be present to win.

Now to be serious, Comrades. What seems to be the hold-back that keeps you members from attending the meetings and gatherings that we have at the Woodberry Tavern? Your Secretary sends out notices to every member in this vicinity, asking for a return reply in order to estimate for the suppers. About fifteen out of fifty, granted him the courtesy of answering. Something evidently is amiss, and your officers would like to learn what it is so that it can be corrected. Shall we turn in our charter? This fiscal year is nearly over. We cannot go on this way very much longer, as only 6, 8 or 10 turn out to the meetings, and a quorum is 12. It is up to the membership, and the officers are anxious to get on the ball if you will show how it can be done. Think this over very seriously. I am of the opinion that you want to KEEP THE YD ALIVE, but you must prove it to your officers that were elected by you. The new year commences on April 1st, WHAT SHALL WE DO? Your officers welcome suggestions.

—Daniel L. Haskell, *Sec.-Treas.*

FITCHBURG

Commander: Bronislaw Amastae
92 Heywood St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Victor Bean
405 Summer St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The annual installation of officers for the year 1950, took place Saturday evening January 14, at the Hotel Raymond in Fitchburg with about 140 members attending. The affair started off with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and the boys put this away in very short order. Immediately after the dinner our outgoing Commander Brownie Amastae gave a short talk and thanked the members for their cooperation during his term of office.

The Mayor of the city, Pete Levanti spoke, and also State Department Commander Albert C. Maxwell. All of these men gave very fine talks, not one of them spoke over five minutes. I neglected to mention that during the banquet our beloved comrade Larry Kane was floating around making sure that everybody was well taken care of. He was asked to say a few words after the banquet but declined amidst protests. A short recess was held while the floor was being cleared for the installation and most of the boys adjourned to the bar for a few quick ones.

State Department Commander Maxwell and his Sergeant-at-Arms did a very fine job of installing our new officers for the coming year.

Our new officers are as follows: Commander, James D.S.C. Meffin; Senior Vice Commander, James Smith; Junior Vice Commander, Max. Whitestone; Secretary, Bill Kurriger; and Chaplain Father John Renda. Trustees Charles Goguen, Charles Bruce, Charles Lunetta, Stephen Kwiatkoski, and Brownie Amastae.

Well fellows you have now put these men in office, so let's get behind them and give them all the support you can to help make the Fitchburg Chapter the best in the Y.D.V.A.

—Bill Kurriger, *Sec.*

LYNN

Commander: Edwin W. Streeter
17 Bartholomew Terrace, Peabody, Mass.
Secretary: Edmond Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Our Annual Christmas Party at Chelsea Soldiers Home was the most successful of all. A fine vaudeville show was put on in a packed auditorium, featuring The Thibedeau Family, The Hartbans, The Angelucci's Accordiana's, Jane Campbell and others with Ray "The Duke" Doucette acting as master of ceremonies. Boxes full of useful and good things to eat were distributed by the committee to all the Y.D. men at the Hospital as well as others. Boxes and baskets of fruit were delivered to all our sick members in greater Lynn.

Our Big Spirits Raffle was most successful due to the wonderful cooperation by the majority of members. Winner of 1st prize for best salesman was Edgar P. Walsh with 2nd prize going to Newton Courtney.

Over 40 Y.D. men are confined to the Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital and all have high praise for Commandant John Quigley and his staff. One thing we should never forget is our own good comrades in the Hospitals or at Home. We have a long list of our own as follows: William Goodwin—Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital, Earl Parsons—U.S. Veterans Hospital, West Roxbury, Leo Meggison — U. S.

Veterans Hospital, West Roxbury, Francis Guindon—U. S. Veterans Hospital, Bay Pines, Florida, Edgar Barnes at 43 Pearson St. Saugus, John Ryan 70 Central St. Saugus, Thomas Brady 387 Summer St. Lynn, Thomas Kiley—Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital, Holman Stanchfield 90 President St. Lynn.

Our Commander Edwin Streeter was at Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital for several weeks but is back home again, getting along fine.

—The Duke

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Joseph M. Blanchette
376 Coggeshall St., New Bedford, Mass.

Secretary: Dester D. DuBois
106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.

No notices were sent out for the January meeting, because, Secretary DuBois was striken on December 26th, and has been confined to bed since. At this date is well on the road to recovery.

Commander Blanchette, reports he has been granted a permit to conduct Tag-Days June 2nd, and 3rd. He also reports a ton of Coal has been delivered to the Quarters.

Alphonse Fortin who was at the Newport Naval Hospital, is back to work. Francis Darcy is still at Newport Naval. Francis Parker is still confined at his home. Ralph Swift is on the upgrade.

Secretary DuBois wishes to thank the Chapter for the $10.00 gift. —Mrs. Ruth DuBois

NORTHAMPTON

Commander: Harold R. Kneeland
17 Monroe St., Northampton

Secretary: Edward T. Poudrier
303 Riverside Drive, Northampton

Two parties were held at headquarters of the Northampton chapter Saturday, December 17, 1949.

In the afternoon, the first annual kiddies' party was enjoyed by a group of happy youngsters accompanied by parents and grandparents. The program began with movies followed by gathering around the Christmas tree where Santa Claus (Jerry Lavalle) gave the presents to the delighted children. Sodas, ice cream and candy were distributed. The committee for the chapter consisted of Edward Wright and Edward Poudrier, assisted by Mrs. Leon Lavallee and Mrs. George Latham of the Auxiliary.

In the evening the ladies group had a party for the men beginning with a Bohemian supper, topped by a large Christmas cake, and was followed by group singing lead by Thomas Carrol. The committee for this pleasing affair consisted of Mrs. Peltz, Mrs. Kneeland and Mrs. Poudrier.

Since then the only activity other than our regular meetings has been to have as many of our members as possible to go visit our good neighbors and friends. The Springfield Chapter when they had their installation of officers January 14th, a lot of the gang went and reported a fine time.

—Y. D. Clark H. D.

NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER Y.D.V.A. AUXILIARY

President: Frances Packard
61 North Main St., Florence, Mass.

Secretary: Lillian Poudrier
303 Riverside Drive, Northampton, Mass.

Our Chapter went all out this year to give their children and grandchildren a wonderful and very successful Christmas party which was held, Saturday, December 17, 1949 at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapter room in the Old High School Building with about 35 children present.

Delightful movies were shown to the children by Fred Finn. Then each youngster stood in line in front of the brightly lighted and decorated Christmas tree, to receive their present from Santa Claus, (our thanks to Jerry Lavallee for doing such a good job as Santa Claus).

The party was then topped off with delicious refreshments which included ice cream, cookies, soda and candy.

Each youngster went home from the party tired but very very happy after a wonderful afternoon. We wish to extend a rising vote of thanks to Edward Poudrier and Edward Wright for making this party such a success.

That same evening our Auxiliary gave a Christmas party and smorgasbord and invited the Chapter. The party was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapter room. Everything was on the menu from baked beans to American chop suey.

Approximately forty members attended this party. During the evening Thomas Carroll lead the happy group in Christmas carols, which were en-

joyed by everyone. A lovely gift was then given to each one.

Our many thanks to Helen Peltz, chairman, for making this party such a huge success. It was unanimously agreed upon by all to hold another one of these parties real soon.

—Lillian Poudrier, *Sec.*

PLYMOUTH
"Plymouth Rock Chapter"
Commander: Frank (Jim) Morish
18 Savery Avenue, Plymouth, Mass.
Secretary: Earl Alexander
65 Alden Street, Plymouth, Mass.

On January 20th the Plymouth Rock Chapter was organized, and we are now on our way to big doings in the YDVA. Knocko and his WW II National Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Connor came to Plymouth, (COWBOY JIM SULLIVAN THE WW I Sergeant-at-Arms was home sick and could not make it). They had along with them, Al McPhee the National Committeeman, John (Red) Kelly and Danny (Good Fellow) DiEsso. It was a cold dreary day, but by the time that they left Plymouth, "THEY FELT NO PAIN".

A dinner was served them by the "TOWN FATHERS" at Carl's Restaurant, which is 9 miles out of Plymouth, and they had the choice of Steak, Lobster, Chicken, Scallops, Clams or anything on the Menu. A cocktail or two was served before, during and after the meal. DiEsso, Connors and McPhee claimed that they had not eaten all day, and by the way that they went to work on the food, we agree with them. It looked like they had not eaten since the last August Clam Bake. Red Kelly went to work like he had two arms. Knocko being the National Commander, and this being the baby Chapter, we can not put the "Rib" on him too much, but he had very little to say while the victuals were being passed, and what a stroke with the knife and fork. The Plymouth Rock Chapter home will be in the American Legion Home, North Plymouth—Present at the dinner were: James Fraser, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, (and a candidate for re-election) Good Luck Jim—Mel Coombs, Manager Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. Our own Al Gifford, Andy Carr, Jim Morish, Albert Anzuoni, Owner and Manager of the Plymouth-Brockton Street Railway Co., Clarence Delano, Manager of the A. K. T. Trans Co., John Pascoe, Traffic Manager, Plymouth Cordage Co., Walter Haskell, Old Colony Memorial Newspaper, Manager and Owner.

Membership application blanks are with Jim Morish, Al Gifford, the Fire station and myself. We are in the YDVA now—let's go to work—we can have one of the best chapters in the Country right here in "AMERICA'S HOME TOWN"—What do you say Dave D—Charlie B—Frank O—Charlie K—Dick K—Carl S—Myron S—John C—Emil B—and all you WW I and WW II YD men from Plymouth and surrounding towns—Are you with Us—Well Come Boys—Let's Go—THE COMMAND IS FORWARD".

—Earl Alexander.

SPRINGFIELD
Commander: William F. Bolack
36 Maple Court, Springfield
Secretary: Hugo M. Scagliarini
165 Middlesex St., Springfield, Mass.

The Springfield Chapter is starting out to be what we hope will be an outstanding year, in membership, meetings and social activities. Before I forget, I must write in this bit of news, the names of the women who will guide the Auxiliary this year, namely: President, Mrs. Robert Beach; Senior Vice Commander, Mrs. Thomas Dee; Junior Vice Commander, Mrs. Luther Hackett; Secretary, Mrs. Roswell Patch; Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Valentine, Sgt. at Arms, Mrs. Lillian Broz; Historian, Mrs. Edward O'Connell; Chaplain, Mrs. William Bolack; Service Officer, Mrs. Thomas Crokan; Trustees: Mrs. Loretta Huntley, Mrs. David Hogan, Mrs. Alfred Heber, Mrs. Benjamin Johnson, and Mrs. Hugo Scagliarini. The best of luck to all of you nice ladies.

Incidentally, all chapter and auxiliary officers were installed in a colorful ceremony on Saturday evening, January 14th, at the Hotel Kjmball. The installing officers for the men were, Past State Commander John Meffin assisted by Past State Sergeant-at-Arms David Hogan, for the auxiliary, Past President, Mrs. David Hogan assisted by Mrs. Lillian Broz, Sergeant-at-Arms. Once again, we were honored with the presence of His Honor, Daniel B. Brunton, Mayor of Springfield, who never fails to attend our installations. His remarks were short but interesting. National Historian John Goss also gave a short talk on the history of our great organization which no other out-

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fit can match. There were also large delegations from the Northampton, New York and Hartford chapters. also most veteran organizations sent representatives to attend our installation. Following the fine ham dinner and installation exercises, dancing was enjoyed to the music of Comrade Ray Fuller's orchestra, all in all it was really a very nice evening.

The chapter is leaving no stone unturned in order to provide social activities at the club during the next few months. There will be card parties once a month, the first one will be history by the time this column passes in front of your eyes. The card party for February will be held on the 14th. Bob Beach is the Chairman of this card party committee, assisted by Bob Nash, also assisting from the Auxiliary, will be, Marge Scagliarini, Peg Sullivan and Irene Maley. The monthly dinners which I mentioned in last month's "Doings" are going to be very reasonable, only 99¢ per person, Chairman John Meffin is taking care of the details for this endeavor. The Auxiliary will also assist, the girls are really a big help to the chapter and always willing to aid us in every way. Another thing to remember, is dancing every Saturday night at the club, so come down and shake a leg.

Located on the first floor is something that is called a bar, where one can obtain spirits of any kind and if you insist coke and ginger ale. Now to the serious side for a minute, let us not forget our hospitalized buddies, right now, one of our members, George Lyons, is in Rutland Hospital and will be confined there for some time, so drop him a line once in a while, I'm sure he will appreciate hearing from all of his buddies, Well, I have bent your ears long enough, besides the pencil is worn out. So long, until next month.

—Hugo Scagliarini, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Harold H. Rutter, 16 Victory Ave., So. Portland

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: William W. Sharland
955 Highland Ave., South Portland, Maine

Secretary: Oliver C. Dudley
303 Valley Street, Portland, Maine

At our December meeting it was decided to continue our membership drive. Most of us are trying to interest one former member of our division into giving us his active membership. It really takes a lot of persuasion to get some of the boys out to meetings. What a lot would give to have been a Y.D.

Our next meeting will be held at our regular meeting place, Malia Post American Legion, Atlantic Street, Portland, Maine on January 20th. We are holding regular meetings the third Friday in each month.

Yours truly, Comrade Walker and State Commander Rutter attended the Installation of Officers of the Portsmouth Chapter. We were made most welcome and we sure enjoyed the whole evening. Elton Walker met one of his buddies he hadn't seen since 1918. Our State Commander was honored by serving as Sergeant-at-Arms during the Installation. A fine refreshment spread was served after the meeting.

Plans are being made for a joint meeting with the Lewiston Chapter on February 3rd. Please notify the Commander if you are going. They tell me that you do not want to miss any of the swell times the Lewiston Chapter puts on. Keep it alive!

—W. W. Sharland

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael J. Dell Isola, 34 Park Ave., Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: John Chesson, Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.

STATE MEETING

Your Truly had a grand time the night of January 6th in Portsmouth, New Hampshire despite the rain, cold, and slippery roads to get there. We started the new Clarence R. Edwards Post off with a bang with over twenty-five members. Officers elected were Commander, Dan P. Hillman, S. V. Clarence Anderson, J. V. Clyde O. Green, Sect. Armand York, Treas. Harold W. Henderson, Chaplain Edward Bennett Sgt-at-Arms, Walter Gadd Historian, Leon Dennis, Trustees Donald Warnell Elie Roy and Harry Turgeson. Any one in the vicinity of Portsmouth wishing to sign up, contact any of the above Officers and I am sure that if the Chapter keeps up on every first

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Friday of the month, the same as the organization meeting, they will have one of the fastest growing Chapters in YD. Some of the doys had not seen each other for thirty years and there was many a tale spun about the old days but even I met a few men from WW II so I had a few yarns to spin also. Thanks for a most enjoyable evening Comrades and don't forget to call if you need me.

—Michael J. Dell Isola,
State Commander.

PORTSMOUTH-ROCHESTER

General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter

Commander: Don P. Hillman
Agamenticus Rd., South Berwick, Me.

Secretary: Ormond York
211 Circuit Road, Portsmouth, N. H.

The Clarence R. Edwards Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Assn., will hold its annual installation of officers at the Community Center in Portsmouth on Friday evening January 6th. Unless weather and driving conditions prevent, PNC A. Raymond Doucette with a delegation from Lynn Chapter will be present and may act as installing officer. Delegations are expected from other chapters in New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts. All former members of the (26th) Yankee Division in either World War I and World War II are eligible and highly desired for membership in the local chapter, which meets monthly in Portsmouth and promises to really go places this coming year.

—Ormond York, *Sec.*

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The General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter of Portsmouth, N. H. held its installation of officers Friday Evening, January 6th, 1950 at the Community Center on Daniel Street.

We were honored by having our good friend Mike Isola, Department Commander, Nashua, N. H. to install our officers. He also gave a fine talk on YD activities and in his talk he spoke of names that brought some of the men back to the days of khaki and mud and in each memory they pictured the faces of their buddies of 1917-18.

In one corner of the hall three men met who had not seen each other in over thirty years. 103rd. F. A. men, Elton Walker of Portland, Maine, Chris Conlon better known as Mickey of Portsmouth, and Harry Turgerson of Portsmouth and Manchester, N. H. It did our hearts good to see these men meet.

It is wonderful to see WW I and WW II men get together and going along the road of life hand in hand. It goes to show the new YD Division was made up of the same class of men that the old Division had in its ranks.

Ormond York, (102nd. F. A. WW I) our Secretary and the largest man in the chapter 6 ft. 3 in. 260 lbs. see what I mean, wants to hear from any of his buddies who served with him. Ormond is one of our very active members and has been in veterans circles since his discharge in 1918.

Clarence Anderson always says to me, "it was the 104th. not the 103rd. Inf". I wonder if he means there was only one Regiment in the 52nd. Brigade. He is referring to Apremont.

Don Hillman our new Commander who has always done a fine job of leading in other veterans circles sure will be a credit to this Chapter. We are very fortunate to have him as a leader.

Harold Henderson, 103rd. Inf. who has been our Treasurer since the Chapter was organized in Rochester, N. H. is still with us and what a man to hold the money bags. If you think you are good try to get money from him. More power to you Harold, you are what we need. Keep up the good work, we like it.

Last but not least, Eddie Bennett of 104th. Inf. and our Chaplain is one that every disabled veteran for miles around knows. Eddie has been the guiding hand for all of them, handling all their papers and advising them and visiting them in the hospitals. He is a good all around YD man and will do a lot for us in the more serious ways as our Chaplain, and Donald Wormell of Dover, N. H., and a WW II buddy is a newcomer to the chapter, is ready to lend a helping hand. The men of WW II are sure going to help us in a big way.

We were honored with a visit from the Department of Maine, Department Commander H. H. Rutter who gave us a fine talk. A call went out for James Radcliff to report to the Chapter nearest to him.

Wm. W. Sharland Cumberland county chapter Commander reported that everything was well in hand.

The Clarence R. Edwards Chapter was transferred from Rochester, N. H. to Portsmouth, N. H.

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and all the charter members were thrilled that the Chapter was revived and on its feet once again.

—Albert J. Shepard.

NASHUA

Commander: John V. Chesson
2 Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: Eugene A. Laflame,
Box 146, Nashua, N. H.

The Nashua Chapter held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Commander John Chesson and the main topic of the evening was the coming Testimonial Dinner to National Commander Edward McCormack to be held the night of March 11th and it is to be followed on the next afternoon with a National Executive meeting. All those wishing to purchase tickets for this event please write to State Commander Michael Dell Isola and he will be glad to mail some.

—John Chesson, *Cmdr.*

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: M. Patrick Healey, 41 Washington St., New London, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Commander M. Patrick Healey. After the Salute to colors, Chaplain Harold Mitchell opened the meeting with prayer. Commander Healey then called up the comrades for 30 second silence in honor of our departed comrades.

Commander Healey requested a letter of thanks be sent to Jack Farquhar, Commander of New York chapter, for the splendid way in which he handled the New York end of the funeral of John Bruce, Department of Connecticut, Sergeant-at-Arms. He is buried in the National Cemetery. I believe it is on Staten Island.

Commander Healey appointed the Sec., H. Leroy Woodcock, chairman of the Nominating Committee to draw up a slate of officers for the coming year. Will try and hold a meeting of this committee either at the February meeting at the Veterans' Hospital at Rocky Hill, or at the March meeting in Willimantic. This slate of officers must be submitted at the March meeting to be acted on. The committee consists of the Commander of each Chapter or their appointed representative.

Commander Healey announced that the New York Chapter would hold their installation on Saturday Night, February 18th, and he hoped that a large delegation from Connecticut would attend, as the New York Chapter haven't missed many meetings in Connecticut this year.

February Meeting—Veterans' Hospital, Rocky Hill.

March Meeting—Willimantic—place to be announced.

—H. Leroy Woodcock, *Sec.*

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Charles H. Cockerton
78 Jerusalem Hill
Bridgeport, Conn.

Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Avenue
Bridgeport, Conn.

The meeting of the Bridgeport Chapter Y.D.V.A. was held at the Headquarters of V.F.W. The old gang was there as usual but were saddened by the loss of one of our very beloved comrades James F. Clark. (Chick) after a lingering illness spent a good deal of time at the hospital. He died December 29, 1949. He was with Co. E. 102 Inf.

A number of the boys who were with him over there were at his funeral and all felt very sad that (Chick) is not with us any more. Other things were transacted and we will try and have the next Executive Committee meet in Bridgeport, if that is possible to arrange.

When the old gang get together and start to talk over old times it seems nothing matters all is forgotten and nothing seems to matter but the gang. Let's hope it is to continue for a long time to come.

The Ladies get together and always arrange for some refreshments to finish the meeting.

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—Samuel B. Zolo

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Commander: Arthur G. Bradley
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153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Held our January meeting the second Friday night as usual at the YD Camp in Plainville, a fair crowd attended. Voted to send Bradley and Thompson and their wives to New York to their installation in February and Peters and Parent to the Executive meeting in Worcester this month—Mont Sec Chapter was the first, as we have been for several years, to donate to the March of Dimes—we doubled our contribution this year—Everything else in Bristol is about the same —Short and Sweet this time.

—Bill Salladin, *Sec.*

HARTFORD

Commander: John R. Edwards
77 No. Quaker Lane
West Hartford 7, Conn.

Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford 6, Conn.

Our annual Past Commanders evening held in January was one of our finest meetings in recent years. All living Past Commanders were present with the exception of Bill Sullivan who as Hartfords Assistant Fire Chief was on duty. Bill was the first Secretary of Hartford Chapter.

P.C. John Curtin who has for years served as program Chairman and a good one, once again read his annual poem which is published below. The attendance was fine and there were faces we hadn't seen in many years. Sam Tubin and Al Rossing did another fine job on the kitchen detail. What sandwiches, sliced onions and coffee.

Moose Miller, P.C. of Norwalk Chapter, Sam Tubin, P.C. of the old Winsted Chapter and Jack Pentland, P.C. of Manchester Chapter all now members of Hartford Chapter were present as was former Mayor of Hartford, Dennis P. O'Connor now Tax Commissioner of the State of Connecticut. All present send their best to Honorable Judge Vine Parmelle who has been confined to the Hartford Hospital.

—Spoons

OUR PAST COMMANDERS

It's Past Commanders night at Danish Hall
And all the P.C.'s are on the ball.
From Ed Miller down to Ellingwood
They tell us why they were so good.

To Ed Miller we point with pride;
He reached the top in his own stride.
Joe Foley, our commander number two
Haven't seen him much since he was thru.

Bill Sullivan, our commander number three
Into our Chapter he brought pep and virility.
Johnny Costello led our first national convention;
A grand time was had by all you could mention.

Then Benny Bourn showed us by his great work
That a National Commander's job he wouldn't shirk.
The late Herb Nelson was our next boss—
A great help to the YD and to us a great loss.

Jack Carter next presided with zest
Soon was Department Commander, one of the best.
Doc Allen took over and started a great advance,
But he was called to his Maker before he had a chance.

John Goss gave our Chapter his best attention
As National Historian he wins honorable mention.
Our next Commander, John Curtin, you know
Tried at every meeting to put on a show.

Then Paul Caravatt was, by his own ad
The best Commander we ever had.
Harry Robertson then led our boys
To a year of excitement and joys.

Leonard Fletcher then came along to say
The 104th Infantry saved the U. S. A.
Our junior Past Commander, Harold Ellingwood
Ruled our meetings promptly, gently, but good.

And now you've heard of the fourteen men
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—John J. Curtin.

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PROVIDENCE CHAPTER

Commander: John S. Mitchell
52 Calaman Road, Cranston, R. I.

Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
25 Greene Street, Pawtucket, R. I.

Providence Chapter meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Harrison St., Armory. Visitors are always Welcome.

Well comrades, here's your old scribe back on the job again. Sorry that I was unable to get the news in the December issue. The pressure of business at the end of the year, the Holidays and illness kept me on the side lines as far as YD was concerned. At our last meeting held the 4th of January, considerable discussion pro and con was had on what to do about increasing our membership, making the meetings more interesting and, in general, creating some worthwhile activities that will bring out the gang. It is somewhat heartening to learn that our organization isn't the only one that seems to be in the doldrums. We're going to try like h-l to do something about this condition too.

Chaplain Hanson is doing a fine job looking after those that are on the sick list. Dr. Billy Clegg is coming along nicely and is expected to be sent home in the near future; Roy Simpson is on the mend too and Pete England is back on the job again. Sorry to learn that Lucian Simone is at Newport Naval Hospital and that my old pal and friend John (Bucko) Brown is in Roger Williams Hospital. Keep your chins up fella's.

The following members were appointed by the Commander to comprise the Nominating Committee to bring in a slate of Officers for Providence Chapter. The names will be submitted at the February meeting and will lay on the table until the March meeting at which time the election will be held. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the March meeting. The committee: P.C. Walter B. Vickery, chairman; P.C. John J. Kelley; P.C. David A. Davidson; P.C. Edwin M. Mara and P.C. Robert M. Murray. With these men at work we should come up with a slate that should spark the Chapter to new heights.

Our February meeting will honor our Past Commanders. To make the evening a grand success, Commander Mitchell appointed the following to arrange for the affair: Treasurer, Fred Grandchamp; Harry Hanson; Louis P. Fenner and Senior Vice Commander, Guy Kittredge.

Department Commander Pete Bourget was present and spoke briefly to the gathering.

Hey fella's, have you forgotten that at each meeting, when there are enough present, we have a drawing from the "Kitty". You would be surprised at the names that have been drawn and, no response.

Your Secretary has received word from National Headquarters that the 1951 due cards will soon be ready. Would be glad to sign any of you fellows up for 1951 at any time now. Be an early bird—avoid the rush. Let's get behind the YD and have a banner membership for 1950-51.

—Howard W. Hunt, *Sec.*

PAWTUCKET

Commander: Walter J. Misewicz
16 Samoset Avenue, Central Falls, R. I.

Secretary: John R. Moran
394 Daggett Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I.

Apremont Chapter meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Baldwin Street School, Pawtucket, R. I.

The first meeting of the year started off with a bang and what a bang. We had comrade "pooch" (Leo J.) Keough at the meeting to give us a good start, he put some pep with a capital P into the meeting. He had plans and specifications of what was what and what wasn't what in the ways of conducting meetings and banquets and general good times, by the comrades. More power to you Pooch old boy. Y.D. keep it alive. When I said we started the new year off with a bang, I meant the year of 1950 of course.

We have our fiscal year coming up as of April 1 and that means renewal of dues for the year of 1950-51, so Commander Misewicz has appointed a live wire committee in comrades Earl F. Dearman, Chairman; Homer W. Poirier, Commander Misewicz and Harold Pierce, so comrades be on your toes and be ready for they will expect to hear from you ALL. If you know of any comrades of WW I and WW II that

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we don't know about, send their names to me and I will see that the committee gets them.

The Commander appointed Comrades Joseph L. Bourget and Homer W. Poirier (with Pooch as the honorary chairman) of the banquet committee, you will have more detail information on this at a later date. Buddies Albert Plant and Joseph Vegiard are in as co-chairmen of the carnival committee. To the comrades who are not familiar with the Samuel Slater Junior High, Hancock street and the Baldwin street schools, we meet in the basement of the Baldwin Street School and the entrance is through a big hole in the fence on Hicks street, where you see light. There is hope that we will try and have a sign out to guide you, there is plenty of parking space in the yard.

Department Commander Joseph L. Bourget announced that the Chapter held the election of Department officers at the March meeting. The Chapter as host to the department, credit goes to our Chapter Chaplain Wilfred G. Cote for the most efficient way he conducts his office by keeping in contact with the comrades on the sick list. Comrade Godin is able to get out for week ends but one of his arms is still in a sling. Comrade Alvin I. Havens is in the hospital at Davis Park, Providence, Comrade Collins is expected back to work any day and comrade Haigh up at Rutland is going to pay us a surprise visit one of these days (old war horses).

Many thanks to the comrades of these United States that sent in there Seasons Greetings to yours truly. The Chapter made their usual contribution to the march of dimes.

Two of our comrades have passed from the living roles and have joined the roles up there, old soldiers never die they simply fade away. The sympathy of the chapter is extended to the families of the late Comrades Charles E. Finley Co. A 103rd Machine Gun Battalion and Lester W. Hallenbeck, 104th Ambulance Company 101st Sanitary train.

—John R. Moran, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

Commander: Martin H. Chambers, 210 6th Ave., New York, N. Y.

NEW YORK

"Knickerbocker Chapter"

Commander: John W. Farquhar
75 Woodbine Street, Brooklyn 21, N. Y.

Secretary: John O. Copley
33 Lafayette Street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

By the time this is in "Yankee Doings", our Annual Banquet and Installation will be past history. Indications are that this will have been one of our real great events, thanks to Carl Pelander, who labored mightily to bring it to a successful conclusion.

We are looking forward to greeting and listening to many a great personality, including General Willard S. Paul, National Commander McCormack and his staff and many others.

While attending several functions of the YD in New England, there seems to be a great amount of interest in this event. We are looking forward to greeting one and all.

We have tried this year to visit all YD meetings. Several of us from New York have attended Installations, meeting of Chapters and National Executive meetings. We hope that some of our enthusiasm might extend itself to other sections, thereby cementing together a greater National Unity in YD. We believe in the slogan "Keep it alive".

In order to further this concept we have several changes in mind. One especially, for which Commander Farquhar has appointed a committee, which brought in a proposed change concerning National elections. The following members worked on this proposal—Carl Pelander, Ernest Kluge, William Cowie, Robert Dickson, Ralph Nevin and George Swerlick.

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meeting was instituted by our National Commander McCormack. It gave everyone a chance to take the pressure off, so that the official meeting became a bit more streamlined and business like. It would be grand if members had an agenda of what was to take place and these copies sent to each Chapter to digest.

Since this ends the year for the present officers, our Commander wishes to thank all members for the co-operation he received in the past year.

—John O. Copley.

PHILADELPHIA
"Quaker City Chapter"
Commander: William P. Brown
2816 N. "D" St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary: Karl G. Ley, Jr.
1017 South Frazier St., Philadelphia, Pa.

On January 6th 1950 we had a wonderful meeting. The new year must have had something to do with it. We had a very large attendance and everyone had a swell time. A few dart games before the meeting, but it took Veteran Low Wintner to show the kids how to shoot darts. Al Roberts told us an interesting story about seeing an old buddy of his from WW I. The part of how he got in touch with him was the best part of the story. Bill Forsythe told us of some of the progress of the convention. Quite a few of the members are interested in going. It sure is a time that you shouldn't miss. From all reports it's to be a honey this year. Now we are planning for our nominations and election of officers in March for the coming new year. Think it over boys and decide who'll do the best job for you this year. We are also planning for our annual Installation Dinner to be held April 15th at the Maple Shade Country Club at Maple Shade New Jersey. Al Roberts was appointed chairman of that committee. If you have been to one of these dinners, you sure will want to be present this year. I think STEAK is on the menu.

Commander Bill Brown won the jackpot this month. It was $13.50. He now joins the association of Jackpot Winners.

If by any chance you are in Philadelphia on the 1st Friday of the month, stop in at 3533 North 11th Street for a good nights fun.

—Karl Ley.

WASHINGTON
Commander: Arthur L. Robitaille
2224 Chester St. S.E., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Carl C. Redinger, Jr.
7315 15th Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

On the evening of January 4th some ten brave and intrepid members solved the clover leafs and the over and underpasses to the South Parking, wound their way thru the maze of corridors to Room 1A-474 of the Pentagon. Captain Joe Jordon of the Pentagon Police was our host to our best meeting of the year. Much time and many words were spent figuring out the future of the club. Of primary importance was the depleted state of our treasury. Some means of raising money to purchase flags to decorate YD graves in Arlington, for a flower fund, and for an operating fund for the club was deemed essential. A raffle was voted the means and a committee was appointed to handle the matter. Our next meeting should be Prima. Lt. Col. Clapper the Division Signal Officer in WW II is in charge of the film department in the Pentagon. He is arranging a program of films of the past war which should include some action shots of the division. It was decided to send out notices to all the YD names on our roster for this meeting which everyone, YD or not should want to make, in an attempt to pick up some more active members.

We are sorry to report that John Caswell is still a bit under the weather and that Nate Golden fell and broke his wrist. It was great to see Al Bartrum, Joe Jordon, Dave Dodic (no cigars), and Col. Erickson out to the meeting again. See you all Feb. 1.

—Carl Redinger, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Commander: Matthew E. Connor, 5048 No. Elkhart Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

OHIO
Commander: Perley G. Wells
2024 West Boulevard, Cleveland 2, Ohio
Secretary: Fred E. Bastel
1737 Coit Road, East Cleveland 12, Ohio

Attendance at our meetings have averaged about 50% for a long time in spite of mild sickness that seem to pester some of our members. Russ Krueger is still laid up. Phil Johnson has stayed close to home. Ed Dulude with a touch of bronchial pneumonia is on the waterwagon but took several shots of Penicillin I mean.

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During our meeting when the Commander called "Anything under new business?", out flashed Albert Kazian (WW II) with a cigar box in hand and treated everyone to a cigar; for "It's a Boy" and a third addition of the same to the proud Papa and Mama, Congratulations.

It is interesting and encouraging to note that many of the G. I's in our Chapter are taking an active and intelligent part in the affairs of the organization. The future of all YD Chapters throughout the country will depend upon the "Carry On" spirit of these youngsters in direct proportion to their ability and willingness to absorb and assimilate the Old YD Spirit with its historical background and blended with their own brilliant military accomplishments. The future of the Yankee Division looks promising.

The usual buffet lunch prepared by the Auxiliary was tucked away with the usual gusto. Afterward several of the playminded members made their way to the tables to indulge in a bit of poker a la several varieties.

—Fred Bastel.

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Because of the Holidays our January meeting was held on the 8th. It marked our Auxiliary Christmas party. After our meeting we had a gift exchange among our members and a lot of fun resulted.

We regret that the Adam's couldn't be with us as a small celebration had been planned. We, instead sent a beautiful cake, made and decorated by Johanno Baldo, and our farewell gift to them. Our wishes for the best of everything in the future are carried with them on their trip to Texas.

—Doris Smart, *Sec.*

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First meeting this year was a success in attendance. Hope we can continue to have as many the rest of the year. Let's all try anyhow. Some of our members who are traveling were in town and joined us for a good time. Long an absentee but always welcome was Carl Johnson. The Telephone Co., keeps him on the go. John Hull was back from a flying trip to Washington. Hal Leavitt also back from covering his territory. Others in attendance; Commander Ericson, Chapin, Tursick, Vetter, Johancen, Doc. Morris whom we were certainly glad to see and yours truly Ellis.

Some fellows have promised to see us next month, so with the rest of the regulars. Here's hoping we top this months attendance in February. That's all for this month. Your in YD.

—Charles E. Ellis,
Secretary-Treasurer.

LOS ANGELES

(Southern California Chapter)
Commander: William D. Libby
P. O. Box 607, Arcadia, California
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Dr., Los Angeles, Calif.

The Los Angeles Chapter started the year 1950 with a meeting on January 4th. Vice Commander Roland Hussey, just returned from a flying trip to Boston, gave us an interesting account of his visit to the old home town, which was on official business for the University of California at Los Angeles, where he is a Professor of history.

Past Commander Volney Gilson was also present for the first time in several months, as he has been in San Francisco. He will be here for the duration of the Winter meeting at the Santa Anita race track and attendance at the YD sessions is a "must" with him when in or near Los Angeles.

During the meeting we all stood while our Charter was draped in respect to the memory of James O. Cook, a member of this Chapter since its inception, who died suddenly on December 22nd, from a heart attack.

Comrade Cook served with the 101st F. A. in World War I, and was Secretary of the California

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Fruit Growers Exchange. He resided in San Marino, California, and is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. O. Cook, Sr., and a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Lopez.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 24th, at the Church of Our Saviour, San Gabriel.

Sick call finds Archie Bradley indisposed at home, Archie Farr back in Birmingham Hospital, and Joe McCarthy recuperating on the desert at Palm Springs. We miss all these good comrades at our meetings and wish each one a speedy recovery.

—George K. Mitchell.

COMPANY "B" 101st INFANTRY

On January 8th at the YD Club, Boston, Co. B was host to the Regimental Association which has been a custom for the past 30 years. B Co. held their meeting, and then immediately afterwards, we turned the gavel over to Bill Connor, President of the Regimental Association. Plans were made for the annual 17th of March Party which takes place at the YD Club again this year. Also for the meeting at Worcester on February 5th, at Attleboro on March 5th and for the Convention in Plymouth on September 8th, 9th and 10th. The Chairmen of the various Committees that were in charge for the various functions reported, and they all did a good job. George Johnson of the Convention Committee was very thankful to Knocko for the way that he went out and dug up "THE CABBAGE" to put the Convention over. Jerry Shea, Marion Mulhall, Tommy Drohan and Joe Madden belted out number after number until the Wee hours of the following morning. A good time was had by all. The B Co. yearly "Knockogram" to go out is a corker. Dues are Due for the YD Club and the 101st. Get them up.

—George McDonald, *Sec.*

COMPANY "D" 101st INFANTRY VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 14th at West Pond, Plymouth, the members of D Co., put on the yearly Old Fashioned Clam Chowder. We had about 35 members present and a good time was had. Everyone chipped in to do their part to make the affair a success, and it was great to see Mel Sampson, Al Gifford, J. Cadman, J. Murray, Dave Dale, J. Martin, Andy Carr, Sheriff Charlie Robbins, Lou Morton, F. Holman, Doc Dittman, E. Bornstein, M. Tavares, Art Hathaway, our President, Jim Morish and so many others that we have not the space here to print them all.

The boys discussed the coming YD Convention in Worcester, the trip to New York, February 18th—and our own regiment convention that is going to take place in Plymouth on September 8th, 9th and 10th. President Jim Morish read a letter from Knocko asking the Company to put the Clam Bake off from the third Sunday of August until the September Convention time, and it was voted to lay it on the table until Al Gifford can contact Bill Corum to see if the September date will suit him. This is D Company Year. Let's make it a good one for "AMERICA'S HOME TOWN".

—Earl Alexander, *Sec.*

"E" COMPANY ECHOES

Just after the last issue had "gone to press" we had a nice letter from BILL PLUMMER . . . EARL FALLON and his son had called on him the first part of the summer and was looking fine . . . EARL has a farm in Conway, N. H. . . . ELLIS HARMON was another visitor who showed BILL the photos of "E-F" gathering last year on the 30th, so-called, anniversary . . . BILL wanted to know how JOHN ROONEY kept so young looking . . . BILL's daughter graduated from Fryeburg Academy last June and was taking up stenotyping when BILL wrote . . . He sent his best to you all . . . JACK CURRIER waved to us a couple of times in October as he passed by the office . . . We have three items received since January 1st and one was from Lee Redfield saying that JACK had been taken to the West Roxbury Vets. Hospital for pneumonia but someone was out to see him and he was up and around so he may be

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out by this time . . . so if JACK has fully recovered he is probably back at work there . . . We certainly hope so. . .

FRANK COPPINGER's son was married early in November . . . RAY BRIDEN was promoted to Assistant Director of Fabric Development for the Dan River Mills late in November . . . Congrats! . . . Saw HARRY SPROUL hurriedly at the South Station one late afternoon as we were both headed for trains . . . Captain MATTY was re-elected Alderman of Newton by a big majority last November.

Thanks to all those who send Christmas cards . . . Your good wishes are all heartily reciprocated . . . BILL COLLINS was one we heard from who is quite a stranger . . . We were especially pleased to hear from Mrs. BILL CHISHOLM, from Baton Rouge, La. . . . and Mrs. GEORGE DORMAN from 'way out West . . . The latter's son Charles has a young daughter so she's a grandparent like so many of the rest of us . . . Thanks, ladies, for your friendly words about "Echoes."

Our third and last January item — which explains why we're not trying to start the New Year right with the first 1950 issue — is from ARTHUR STANLEY who carried out his long-standing custom of sending his check No. 1 for 1950, to make the "E" Co. kitty happy . . . Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

—Fred W. Campbell, *Pres.*
—Ralph M. Eastman, *Sec.*

COMPANY "E" 101st INFANTRY, W. W. II

On Thursday, January 19th we had a meeting in regards to the March 5th meeting in Attleboro. There was a good representation from E Company at the YD Club in Boston. Bill Connor the President of the 101st spoke on having the Regimental Council meeting in Attleboro at that time, and we decided that it would be a good idea. Knocko spoke in regards to a Chapter in Attleboro for the YDVA, and Dick Gariepy with his wonderful wife, Phyliss told the National Committee that they would go ahead right away and form a Chapter for him in Attleboro, and that Phyliss would also organize a Ladies Auxiliary for the YDVA. Knocko is very proud that he is the President of the Honorary Members of E Company and often speaks about it.

On March 4, 1950 the 6th Annual Company Reunion will be held at Attleboro, Mass. The Committee Co-Chairmen, Art Green and Dick Gariepy held a meeting at the YD Club of Boston on January 19th to consolidate plans for the reunion. Several other members attended the meeting and gave suggestions, they were Marty Sullivan, John Mahoney, Mimi Panico, Danny DeYesso, Charlie McLeod and Al McPhee. Inasmuch as a hall to meet in had not been selected at this January meeting, it was agreed that Dick Gariepy contact Art Green as soon as possible in correction of this item.

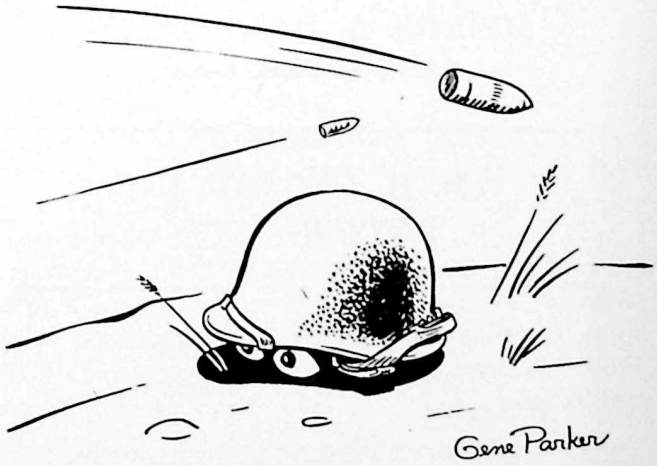
Mail will go out to every member notifiying them of the place and time.

On Sunday, March 5th, the day after our E Company reunion the 101st Inf. Vets. Assoc. will also hold the regular monthly Council meeting in Attleboro. E Company will be host for the meeting, so you can see we will have a busy time of it down in Attleboro on the 4th and 5th.

It is also hoped by our Honorary member, Knocko McCormack, National Commander of the YDVA, that he will be able to present a Charter for a new Chapter in the YDVA of Attleboro members.

Special notice to all E Company members. The "Knickerbocker Chapter" of New York is holding its Installation Dinner-Dance on February 18th at New York's famous Town Hall Club on West 43rd St., and the following day a new Chapter will be installed at Allentown, Penn. Several E Company members here in Boston are thinking of attending both of the above affairs and it is hoped that all of the New York and Penn. E Company boys will attend one or both of these affairs. Don't forget our own reunion in Attleboro, Mass., about 40 miles from Boston on March 4, 1950.

—Marty Sullivan, *Pres.*
—Al McPhee, *Sec.*



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WALTER J. BOARDMAN formerly of Co. 'B', 103rd Inf. died January 8, 1950 at Manchester, N. H. He was one of the first Commanders of the Manchester Chapter. He was also a member of the Legion of Valor by virtue of receiving a D. S. C. during WW I.

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EDWARD W. POPE formerly of Headquarters, 102 Inf. died recently at Brattleboro, Vt., where he had resided for some years. His former home was in Groton, Conn.

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ANDREW J. BERNARD formerly of Co. 'A', 101st Inf. WW I died suddenly at his home in West Roxbury, Mass., on January 12, 1950. He was a member of the Boston Chapter. He served as a Lieut. in WW I and was a Lt. Col. of the 26th Inf. Mass. State Guard during the WW II. He was survived by his widow and twelve children.

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DANIEL J. O'CONNELL formerly of Medical, 102nd Inf. died by accident at his home in Wilsor Conn. on Friday, January 20th. A fire in his hon trapped his wife, her mother and himself before l could get out. A daughter escaped by jumping fro the second story of the house.

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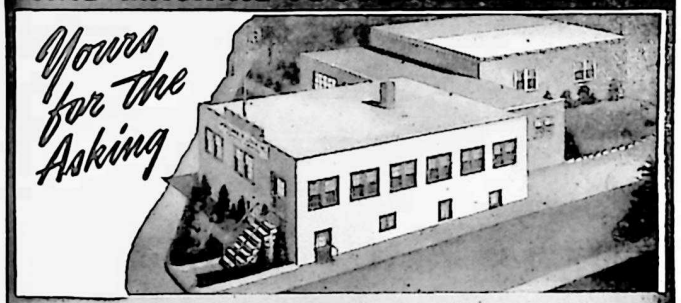

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Commander: Edward Orlowski
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At our January get-together we were a neat and compact group but where were all our officers. Sergeant-at-Arms Teeter was acting Commander and Chaplain Spudowski was also on hand. World War I Comrade Barowski was brought into the fold. Was passed that we'd have a silent minute of prayer at all meetings to put our Post behind the Prayers-for-Peace Movement.

We are planning a swell party for our march meeting—movies, etc. and our area fellows who never show up oughta!

Dear Guy:—

I have just learned that Carl G. Olson has been confined to the Naval Hospital at Newport, R. I., since Christmas time. He is recovering now and expects to be discharged in the near future. Like you know, he is a P.C. of Kent County Chapter and Past Dept. Commander for R. I. I have not seen anything about his illness in DOINGS so thought you might like to have this data. Maybe a card from the "boys" would help to cheer Carl up. How about a little write-up in DOINGS? Thanks.

Bill Forsyth.

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